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Mariposa Closure Need Extended to November 16

VICTORVILLE, CA – As part of the La Mesa/Nisqualli Interchange Project, the San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG), in coordination with the California Department of Transportation and the City of Victorville, have halted paving operations on Mariposa Road due to the unanticipated weather change. As a result, the agencies have extended the duration of the closure of Mariposa Road through Friday, November 16.

The closure of Mariposa Road is necessary to allow crews to pave the new sections of roadway and tie-in the new alignment with the existing alignment on the north and south ends of the project. Paving operations require minimum temperatures to allow for adequate curing of the asphalt. The unexpected cold front and subsequent rain puts the asphalt at significant risk of failure. Therefore, the decision to extend the operation into next week was required. Preparation for the new pavement means that the roadway is not suitable for driving until new pavement is placed. The public is encouraged to continue using detours as signed until crews can resume their efforts and ultimately open up Mariposa Road to traffic.

The La Mesa/Nisqualli Project broke ground in January 2012 and will continue through summer 2013. The project will add a new interchange to I-15 between the heavily-used Bear Valley Road and Palmdale Road interchanges. In addition, the project will realign frontage roads, add soundwalls, improve drainage systems, and upgrade the existing storm water channel on the west side of the freeway.

SANBAG and the City of Victorville are partners in delivering this much-needed project to the Victorville area. The new interchange will relieve traffic congestion on local streets by providing a new east/west alternative for local residents and commuters, as well as improve overall operation of Interstate 15 through the corridor. Motorists are encouraged to “Slow for the Cone Zone” while traveling through the construction area.